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SUBJECT: KING SOBHUZA APPARENTLY SEEKING PLAY ROLE AS
INTERMEDIARY IN SETTLING PORTUGUESE-AFRICAN AFFAIRS

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1. DR. JOANA SIMIAO TOLD ME MAY 23 ON HER RETURN FROM
SWAZILAND THAT KING SOBHUZA II HAD ASKED TO SEE HER BECAUSE
HER NAME HAD BEEN GIVEN TO HIM BY COREMO PEOPLE IN LUSAKA
(SIMIAO ASSUMES THIS TO BE PAUL GUMANE).

2. KING TOLD SIMIAO HE HAD DRAFTED LETTER TO PRESIDENT SPINOLA
AND HAD SENT HIGH-RANKING DELEGATION TO DAR ES SALAAM AND
LUSAKA TO DISCUSS WITH RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS AND LIBERATION
MOVEMENTS. SIMIAO SAID NOTE DECLARED KING'S "ANGUISH" OVER
POSSIBILITY OF CONTINUED FIGHTING IN MOZAMBIQUE AND HOPE
PEACEFUL SOLUTION CAN BE FOUND QUICKLY. SHE SAID HE IS POSING
THREE QUESTIONS TO FRELIMO: A) UNDER WHAT CONDITIONS WOULD
FRELIMO ACCEPT A REFERENDUM AS PROPOSED BY SPINOLA?; B) IN
WHAT TIME SPAN DOES FRELIMO FORESEE INDEPENDENCE?; C) WOULD
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FRELIMO ACCEPT CONTINUED LINKS WITH PORTUGAL AND WOULD THEY

ESTABLISH LINKS WITH ANGOLA AND OTHER PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES?

3. SIMIAO SAID SWAZI DELEGATION ARRIVED DAR ES SALAAM ON MAY 20 AND IS DUE IN LUSAKA MAY 23. DELEGATION IS THEN PROCEEDING TO LISBON. SIMIAO HERSELF WILL RETURN TO SWAZI-LAND MAY 25 AND FROM THERE PROBABLY GO VIA LONDON TO LISBON, ARRIVING ABOUT MAY 29. SHE HOPES HER VISIT TO LISBON WILL COINCIDE WITH THAT OF SWAZI DELEGATION AND SHE ALSO HOPES CHECK IN WITH GEN. COSTA GOMES AND FOREIGN MINISTER MARIO SOARES.
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